

COORG PROVINCE,

AUGUST, 1875.

PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HON'BLE R. A. DALYELL, M. C. S.,
OFFG. CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

PART I—A, IN EXTENSO.

JUDICIAL.—*Nil*.
REV. AG. & COM.—*Nil*.
Do. FORESTS.
FINANCIAL.—*Nil*.
GENERAL.
EDUCATIONAL.

PART II—B, IN ABSTRACT.

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PART I.

DEPT. OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE. FORESTS.

A.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF COORG FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1875.

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*Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Department of Revenue,
Agriculture and Commerce, (Forests) 19th August 1875.*

From the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce,
To the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, No. 847, Forests, dated Simla, 24th July 1875.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your Secretary's letter No. 175—7, dated the 15th ultimo, soliciting the sanction of the Governor General in Council to the assignment of portions of the State forests in Coorg for the purpose of meeting applications for coffee land in exchange for forest lands on the ghats which have been taken up for coffee, but not cleared.

2. In reply, I am directed to state that His Excellency in Council will take your proposal into consideration, but wishes in the first instance to understand more clearly what lands it is proposed to give up. For this purpose, I am to request that the Conservator of Forests may be instructed to prepare a map on a scale of not less than one inch to a mile, shewing the portions of the Reserves which are to be alienated. It should be prepared from the best data available, with the aid of the Madras Revenue Survey, who have undertaken the survey of the Coorg Reserves, and should shew the principal streams, roads and all villages and plantations in the vicinity. The portion intended to be alienated should be marked, and a descriptive account of the forest on it should be given. It should also be explained whether the land in question is burdened with rights of pasture or other forest rights or privileges, and how it is intended to provide for the requirements of the population in the vicinity who may hitherto have provided themselves with wood, grass and other forest produce from the blocks in question, and who may have grazed their cattle in them. It is not likely that the Governor General in Council will be able to accord his consent to any arrangement which would shift these burdens from the alienated blocks to the portion of the forests that will remain in the hands of the State, for the result of such a transaction would be to diminish the value of the remaining forests and to increase the difficulty of protecting and improving them.

3. In conclusion, I am to state that His Excellency in Council approves of your decision that applications for exchanges of land shall be complied with to the extent of only one half of the area of the land relinquished, and on the distinct understanding that the land so relinquished has not been cleared, and that the Superintendent of Coorg and the Conservator of Forests concur in the opinion that it is decidedly desirable for Government to resume the relinquished land for its own purposes. No action should be taken in this matter until the final orders of the Government of India are communicated to you after the receipt of the information now called for.

No. 320—REV.-F. 17, DATED BANGALORE, 19TH AUGUST 1875.

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PART I.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

A.

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*Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, General Department,
24th August 1875.*

From the Offg. Director General of Telegraphs in India, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, General Department, No. 1622—C. G. dated Simla the 10th August 1875.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter General No. 114—17, dated Bangalore, 27th May 1875, forwarding for my information a copy of the Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 113—16, and requesting an expression of my opinion on the suggestion made in the last para, for shifting the line of Telegraph posts whenever they may be found indispensably necessary.

2. With reference to the 7th para of the Proceedings No. 113 in which it is stated, "but it is quite evident that sufficient time had not elapsed to allow of the orders issued from this office being carried into effect in the Mysore District," I have to remark that when trees or the branches of trees are in contact with Telegraph lines or likely to come in contact with them, thereby causing interruption to communication, the circumstances of the position do not admit of the delay that in other affairs would in all probability be of no importance. In connection with this subject Mr. Assistant Superintendent Ovens states as follows:—"As many of the trees in the Coorg Division and Periyapatna Taluk appeared to have been lately planted immediately under the wire, I asked for the removal of the trees and subsequently pointed out the localities where the trees would interfere with the wires. The Chief Commissioner then wrote to the Commissioner, Ashtagram Division, and the Superintendent of Coorg, drawing their attention to the rules concerning the cutting of avenue trees which were promulgated by the Government of India and republished in the *Mysore Gazette* of the 3rd March 1873 and stated—"If any trees threaten to become a permanent source of injury to the Telegraph wires they should be cut down." I considered that the trees immediately under the wire would be removed by the Civil authorities, and on enquiry it appears orders were sent to the village authorities in Coorg and part of the Ashtagram Division to do this; the trees were not however touched owing probably to the dislike or superstitious dread the country-people have of cutting trees planted by themselves and fearing to transplant them on account of the dryness of the soil. Permission having been thus given by the Chief Commissioner no further reference was made". No one has a greater regard for trees and their preservation than myself; but when a line of Telegraph has been established and maintained for years, if trees are planted immediately under it, I really do not know what other course is open to the Officers of this Department who are responsible for the maintenance of Telegraph communication than to prune or cut the trees as may be necessary and to act in this respect in the manner and to the extent sanctioned by the Government of India.

3. With regard to the proposal to shift the lines of Telegraph to such a distance from their present positions so as to admit of avenue of trees being planted sufficiently near the roads to afford them shelter, I have to point out that in all probability to give effect to this it would be necessary to take down and re-erect the greater part of the Telegraph lines in Mysore and Coorg, and moreover that the chief reasons for, and advantages of, the Telegraph lines having been constructed near the roads, namely, accessibility at all times of the year, and facility of inspection and executing necessary repairs in case of interruption, would be lost.

4. If however the lines of Telegraph can be erected outside where avenues of trees would be planted and are desired and in positions admitting of their being easily and readily inspected from the road and easy of access at all times of the year, I shall be quite prepared to meet the views of the Chief Commissioner on this point on the understanding that the entire expense of effecting the alterations in the positions of the Telegraph lines be provided and paid for by the Local Funds.

5. On being informed of the extent to which the Chief Commissioner considers the alterations should be effected, and of the exact length and locality of each portion of line to be altered, orders will be issued for the preparation of the necessary estimates, and the Chief Commissioner informed of the estimated cost of each alteration, with the view of the requisite funds being placed at the disposal of this Department for the execution of the work.

NO. 333—GENL. 71, DATED BANGALORE, 24TH AUGUST 1875.

ORDER THEREON.—From the quotations supplied in the Director General's letter it does not seem to the Offg. Chief Commissioner that Mr. Assistant Superintendent Ovens' explanation meets the points to which reference was made in the Offg. Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 113—16, dated 27th May 1875. Mr. Ovens alludes through-

*Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, General Department,
24th August 1875.*

out to trees "recently planted." But the allegations against the Telegraph officials were, that they had lopped and hacked the branches of large avenue trees, before time had been given, in the case of the Mysore District, to have their requisitions complied with.

2. The Deputy Commissioners of Mysore and of the other Districts, as well as the Superintendent of Coorg are requested to submit statements giving particulars as to the precise localities where the removal of the Telegraph wires will be requisite, to such a distance only from the road, as will place them beyond the reach of the avenue trees.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART I.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A.

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*Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, Educational Department,
20th August 1875.*

From the Director of Public Instruction, Mysore and Coorg, To the Offg. Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg, General Department, No. 1456, dated Bangalore, 6th August 1875.

I have the honor to submit for the sanction of the Chief Commissioner a proposal for the appointment of panchayats, or local committees of influential residents, to have an oversight of the Nad schools in Coorg. This arrangement forms a part of the Hobli school system in Mysore, and received the special sanction of the Government of India, (No. 871, Foreign Department of the 19th May 1868).

2. The duties of the school-panchayat in each place would be to promote the interests of the school by securing a good attendance and bringing to notice all irregularities. It is also proposed to entrust to this body the up-keep and repair of the school-houses, for which a certain sum has been assigned in the Local Funds Budget.

3. The opinion of the Coorg head-men is in favor of the measure, as will be seen from the annexed copy. The Superintendent of Coorg considers that "the nomination of the panchayat should be made by the Subedar of the Taluk, subject to the approval of the Superintendent and of the Principal of the Central School (who is Inspector of the Vernacular schools), the teacher being at liberty to challenge any of the nominees if he had anything to say against him."

4. These conditions appear to me reasonable, and I would recommend for the approval of the Chief Commissioner that sanction be granted in accordance therewith for the selection by the Superintendent, in communication with the Principal, of from three to five members from among the influential residents in each place, nominated by the Subedar of the Taluk, who have declared their willingness to join, in order that they may be formed into a school-board or panchayat charged with the duties described in para 2. It is of course understood that the appointments are honorary and voluntarily accepted. Also that it is open to a member to withdraw on intimating his wish to do so through the Subedar to the Superintendent, who will fill up the vacancy, if necessary, by selection in the same manner as at first.

The opinion of the undersigned on the subject of establishment of school-panchayat.

The establishment of a school-panchayat will be a salutary measure, much conducive to the welfare of the Vernacular schools in Coorg. This system, if attended with discriminate nomination of persons to compose the panchayat, may prove a sure guarantee for the progress of schools which have not the advantage of immediate and frequent supervision of the Inspector.

(Signed.) C. Subbairya,
2nd Asstt. Superintendent.
(Signed.) K. Appachu,
Head Sheristadar.
(Signed.) Appanna,
Naib Sheristadar.

NO. 328—EDL. 1, DATED BANGALORE, 20TH AUGUST 1875.

ORDER THEREON.—The Offg. Chief Commissioner observes from para 29 of the Director's report for 1873—74, that action has been already taken in the formation of school-panchayats or local committees for the supervision of the Nad schools, and Mr. Dalryell has in para 10 of his review thereon expressed his opinion in favor of the principle. The proposals now submitted provide for the mode of appointing the members of these school-boards, and for the duties to be performed by them. The Offg. Chief Commissioner observes that the measure is viewed by the Coorg head-men favorably, and that although uniformly favorable results cannot be looked for, some definite advantage will be obtained by delegating to the boards, the means of exercising some control over the teachers and of interesting themselves in the welfare of these schools. It would seem desirable that one of the members should be appointed as President in order to secure united action, and to form the channel of official communication.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

B.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MATTERS OF ROUTINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1875.
COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.		Date of previous Orders.
1	A statement shewing the number of processes issued and the amount of stamp fees collected in Coorg for the half year ending 30th June 1875, was forwarded to Home Secretary.	3rd	Aug. 1875.	
2	In reply to Mr. C. Plowden's letter No. 1024 of 8th August 1874, it was intimated that the proposal regarding the grant of Small Cause Court jurisdiction to the Subedars in Coorg may be abandoned.	4th	do	<i>Vide Progs.</i> for July 1874, Part II. B, Judicial, No. 1, dated 2nd July 1874, and do. for June. 1875, No. 1. dated 5th June 1875.
3	The Bill to amend the Law relating to Telegraphs in India, with Statement of Objects and Reasons, was forwarded to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.—Copy sent to the Judicial Commissioner, for opinion.	Do	do	
4	Draft notification appointing Mr. V. N. Narsimmaiegar, Assistant Commissioner, to officiate as 1st Assistant Superintendent in Coorg, during Major A. G. D. Logan's absence on leave or until further orders, was forwarded for publication in the <i>Gazette of India</i> .	7th	do	
5	Notification vesting Mr. V. N. Narsimmaiegar, with the powers of a Magistrate of Police, under Section 5 of Act XIII of 1859, was forwarded to the Compiler, Mysore Gazette, for publication.—Copy sent to Judicial Commissioner.	11th	do	
6	Copy of order dated 19th July 1875, passed on Conservator's letter No. 867, dated 15th idem, with reference to Hunsar Basavaiya's claim against Government in the Forest Department, was forwarded to Major R. A. Cole, for information.	17th	do	<i>Vide Progs.</i> for July 1875, Part II. B, Judicial, No. 6, dated 19th July 1875.
7	Copy of letter from the Government of India No. 6 A.—510, dated 3rd August 1875, from the Legislative Department with enclosure, was forwarded to the Judicial Commissioner for opinion, as to whether any, if so, what amendments are expedient in Act XXXVI of 1855 relating to Lunatic Asylums.	Do	do	
8	The Bill to amend the Law relating to Telegraphs in India, with Statement of Objects and Reasons, was forwarded to the Commissioner, Nundydroog Division, for an expression of his opinion, as well as that of the Deputy Commissioners of the Bangalore and Kolar Districts	19th	do	

COORG CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
Bangalore, September 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg Secretary

PART II.

DEPT. OF REVENUE, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE

B.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MATTERS OF ROUTINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1875.

COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	In reply, the Superintendent of Coorg was informed that the Officiating Chief Commissioner cannot assent to his proposal to revive the tenure on a jamma holding in Kaggodl-nad, which had been sold, as such a course would practically authorize illegal transfers on payment of the Sagu assessment for a few years and thus the orders of Government on the subject would be frequently evaded.	17th Aug. 1875.	
2	In reply, the Superintendent of Coorg was directed to lease the Nalk-nad Palaco Gardens for a period of three years, and to submit a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for each year, shewing the balance in hand up to date.	19th do	Vide Progs. for Aug. 1874, No. 3, dated 19th Aug. 1874.
3	The Superintendent of Coorg having submitted the demarcation return of the Coorg Survey for April 1875, it was intimated to him that the work turned out was considerably less than that of the corresponding month in the previous year, and an explanation was called for.	27th do	

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Bangalore, September 1875.

T. CLARKE,
Offg. Secretary.

PART II.

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COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.		Date of previous Orders.
1	As solicited by the Conservator of Forests, sanction was conveyed for making a free grant of wood and bamboos to Patel Iregauda of Gudi Hossur in the Nanjarajpatna Taluk, whose house is reported to have been destroyed by fire.	17th Aug. 1875.		<i>Vide Progs. for Feb. 1875, Part I. A. Index Nos. 1—2, dated 11th Feb. 1875.</i>
2	The Superintendent of Coorg was requested to report, in what manner he would propose to remove the technical difficulty of enforcing, in the absence of any legal authority, the penalty imposed in clause 5 of the Rules published in the <i>Mysore Gazette</i> , for preventing the further denudation of sacred forests in Coorg.	18th	do	<i>No. 1—3, dated 15th June 1875, Index Part I. A. Revenue Ag. & Com. (Forests.)</i>
3	The Superintendent of Coorg having solicited orders, whether applications for land in exchange for forests, resumed by Government, should have priority over those made under the waste land rules, Major Thomson was informed that it will be sufficient to register such applications pending final orders of the Government of India.	20th	do	<i>Vide Progs. for July, 1875, Part II. B. Rev. Ag. & Com. No. 3.</i>
4	Notification of the sale of the right to collect cardamoms in certain forests in the current year was sent to the Compiler, <i>Mysore Gazette</i> , for publication.	22rd	do	

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Bangalore, September 1875.

T. CLARKE,
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PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL.

B.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MATTERS OF ROUTINE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1875.

COORG.

No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	The Superintendent of Coorg having submitted for orders, certain correspondence between his office and the 1st Assistant Superintendent regarding the batta bill of the latter, Major Thomson was informed that the Government of India Resolution No. 2102, dated 19th April 1871, quoted by him, merely sanctions the double rate of batta without any restrictions.	3rd Aug. 1875.	Vide Progs. for July 1875, Part II, B. Financial, No. 6, dated 22nd July 1875.
2	The sum of Rs. 11 advanced to meet charges for the carriage of certain cases from the Mercara Survey Office to Bangalore was remitted to the Officer in charge of Her Majesty's Treasury, for adjustment.	6th do	
3	The Civil Budget Estimates of the Coorg Province for 1875--76, as finally passed by the Government of India, were forwarded to the Superintendent of Coorg, for note in his office.	17th do	
4	As requested, the contingent bill for Rs. 23-5-0 on account of clothing for the peons of the Chief Commissioner's Office, was forwarded to the Superintendent of Coorg, duly countersigned.	18th do	
5	A transfer receipt for Rs. 6-12-0 was forwarded to the Agent P. and O. Company, Madras, in adjustment of charges incurred for despatching a case of books to the Under-Secretary of State for India, London.	23rd do	Vide Progs. for July 1875, Part II, B. Genl No 10, dated 29th July 1875.
6	In reply, the Superintendent of Coorg was informed that the correspondence relating to the batta bill of the 1st Assistant Superintendent of Coorg for April 1875 may be referred for the orders of the Comptroller General.	Do do	2nd August 1875.

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Bangalore, September 1875.

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PART II.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

B.

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No.	Subject and Order.	Date of Order.	Date of previous Orders.
1	The monthly register of effective and non-effective officers in the Coorg Province, with proportionate return and blank statement of vacancies for the month of July 1875, was forwarded to Home Secretary.	4th Aug. 1875.	
2	A copy of the Coorg Administration Report for 1873—74 was despatched to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for India, London; and 5 copies of the same, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.	Do do	
3	It was reported to the Government of India, Home Department, that no analyses of potable waters are reported to have been made in the Coorg Province, subsequent to the orders issued in February 1872.	16th do	Vide Progs. for July 1875, Part II, B.
4	The Agent, P. and O. Company, Madras, was requested to despatch a case containing 59 copies of the Coorg Administration Report for 1873—74, to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for India, London.	17th do	"General" No. 8, dated 20th July 1875.
5	Twenty spare copies of this Office No. 175—7, dated 15th June 1875, with enclosures, regarding the alienation of State Forests in Coorg, were forwarded to the Department of Revenue, Agriculture and Commerce, Calcutta.	26th do	

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Offg. Secretary.